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2/5/03	5863	Denial of Petition for Rulemaking- Sierra Products petitioned NHTSA to allow CHMSLs on vehicles greater than 2032mm wide, permit these CHMSLs to be combined with the ID lamps and require that these lamps be lowered to eye height. Sierra Product's rationale is that lowering the lamps to eye level would make them more effective. Sierra believes that permitting the combination of the lamps would increase the probability of usage. NHTSA noted that CHMSLs for vehicles greater than 2032mm wide are auxiliary lamps and already are permitted to be combined with the ID lamps. NHTSA concluded there is no proven most effective height and as high as practicable may be best. NHTSA denied the petition.
2/12/03	7101	Request for Comments- NHTSA requests comments from the general driving public with regards to Adaptive Frontal-lighting Systems (AFS). NHTSA posed 7 questions for driver response. NHTSA also requested comments from the automotive industry. NHTSA had 23 questions regarding AFS in which to respond. The responses will be posted on docket #13957.
4/3/03	16346	Notice- Decision that nonconforming 2002 Ferrari 360 Passenger Cars are eligible for importation with appropriate modification to the lighting system by G & K Automotive Conversions, Inc.
7/17/03	42454	Notice- Two Draft Interpretations NHTSA requested for comments on 2 interpretations. The first interpretation was accidentally included in the request for comments. In this interpretation NHTSA was responding to Calcoast-ITL on whether the reflex reflector function can be moved from a fender mounted rear lamp assembly to the decklid mounted lamp. NHTSA ruled no. The second interpretation was a request from Calcoast-ITL to clarify if aftermarket manufacturer of replacement lamps can use different bulbs and sockets than the original equipment. NHTSA ruled that all bulbs and sockets must be the same as the original. The response will be posted on docket #15651
7/31/03	44892	Final Rule- New School Bus Category NHTSA established a new class of school buses to be used for school activity such as fieldtrips - multifunction school activity bus (MFSAB). These buses would not be subject to all FMVSS regulations for school buses such as stop arms and flashing warning lamps. See docket #13704

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8/27/03	51635	Extension of Comment Period. The request for comments on the July 17 interpretation regarding aftermarket replacement lamps with different bulbs and sockets has been extended from 9/2/03 to 10/2/03.
9/29/03	56041	Extension of Comment Period. The request for comments on the July 17 interpretation regarding aftermarket replacement lamps with different bulbs and sockets has been extended from 10/2/03 to 10/31/03.
9/30/03	56376	Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance Subaru manufactured 2531 headlamps without the proper ballast labels. Subaru has petitioned NHTSA for a determination of inconsequential noncompliance. See docket #16066
10/21/03	60147	Receipt of Application for Decision of Inconsequential Noncompliance Nissan has determined that 302,000 2002-2003 Altima front side marker lamps do not meet FMVSS 108 requirements. The lamps fell below the required values between 2 test points. Nissan has petitioned NHTSA for a determination of inconsequential noncompliance. See docket #14826
10/24/03	61035	Receipt of Application for Temporary Exemption from FMVSS 108 Lotus has applied for temporary exemption from S7 Headlighting requirements of FMVSS 108. Lotus has been experiencing recent economic hardship and making the Lotus Elise compliant with FMVSS 108 would be beyond the company's capabilities. Lotus has requested a 3 year exemption. Lotus argues that the current headlamps do not pose a safety issue because the headlamp's photometrics are very close to the requirements. See docket #16341

Note: Notices of receipts that nonconforming vehicles are eligible for importation are not included in this review.

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